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ART. I.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. A Special Meeting for Drill or Parade, or the transaction of business, may be called at any time by order of the Captain. The Captain shall order special meetings upon the requisition of two members of the Business Committee, or a requisition of eight members of the Company.

ART. II.—INSPECTION OF CLOTHING, ARMS AND ACCOUTREMENTS, AND SERVING OUT OF THE SAME.

SEC. 1. Each Non-commissioned Officer shall have a copy of the Roll, with each member's company number opposite his name, with the number of the section or squad to which he belongs; and each Non-commissioned Officer in charge of a squad shall report from time to time, as the Captain shall direct, the state of the clothing, and arms, and accoutrements.

SEC. 2. One of the Officers or Non-commissioned Officers shall have charge of all clothing not in use by the Company, and the issuing of the same to new members; also the receiving of the same from members leaving the Company.

SEC. 3. No clothing will be received from members leaving the Company that has been wilfully defaced or injured, without first calling a meeting of the Business Committee, the Captain or Officer in command being present to inspect them; and if they are found to be torn or defaced in any manner, so as not to be fit for use, the person who so destroyed them shall pay the cost of said clothing to the Company's Treasurer. The default of non-payment will be dealt with as the law directs in such cases.

ART. III.—NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS—VACANCIES.

SEC. 1. Whenever a vacancy occurs by resignation, death, or dismissal, rendering the appointment of a Non-commissioned Officer necessary, the Captain shall appoint such Non-commissioned Officer, after having first consulted the other Officers.

SEC. 2. All such vacancies will be filled up by those whom the Officers consider most eligible and deserving.

ART. IV.—ABSENTEES.

SEC. 1. The Color Sergeant shall keep the Roll, which shall be called at every Regular Drill, and it shall be his duty to hand over to the Board of Management, a monthly statement of all absentees and delinquents, for their consideration. In absence of the Color Sergeant, the next Senior Sergeant shall discharge the duty devolving upon him.

SEC. 2. Any member absenting himself for four consecutive drill nights, without adducing sickness, absence from home, or urgent business, and complying with the directions in these Rules for furnishing said excuse, shall be returned by the Board of Management for expulsion.

SEC. 3. All excuses for non-attendance shall be addressed to either of the Officers, verbally or by letter.

ART. V.—DUTY OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Members shall be required to attend all drills of the Company, in either full dress or fatigue dress, as the Captain's orders may direct. Any member appearing at a Full Dress Parade, in fatigue dress, shall be requested to fall out from the ranks.

SEC. 2. A member wearing any portion of the uniform shall be responsible to the Captain and Company for his conduct.

SEC. 3. No member of the Company will be allowed to wear any portion of his uniform, except for Drill or Parade; any member so offending, is liable under the recent volunteer act, to a fine of twenty dollars.

SEC. 4. No member shall be permitted to lend his uniform or any portion thereof, to any person not a member of the Company.

SEC. 5. Any member refusing to obey the orders of an Officer in command, or acting in an insubordinate manner, shall be placed under arrest, and tried by a court-martial, composed of Officers of the Company.

SEC. 6. No member shall leave a drill or meeting before the Company is dismissed, without permission of the Commanding Officer.

SEC. 7. Any member wishing to leave the Company shall give notice to the Commanding Officer one week previous to doing so, in writing or verbally.

ART. VI.—SUBSCRIPTIONS.

SEC. 1. A sum of ten cents per month shall be paid to the Company's Treasurer, by each member of the Company.

SEC. 2. All subscriptions will be collected on the first drill of each month.

SEC. 3. A fine of five cents, additional to the monthly subscription, will be inflicted upon all subscriptions that are allowed to remain unpaid during the month.

ART. VII.—FINANCE.

SEC. 1. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due to, and pay all accounts due by the Company, as authorized by the Business Committee.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall be one of the Company, and must be trustworthy; he shall return a quarterly statement of the Company's funds.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and disbursed.

ART. VIII.—BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 1. At all annual or quarterly meetings, the Captain shall be Chairman, in whose absence the next Senior Officer shall preside; a Secretary, Treasurer and a Committee of Management shall constitute the Board.

SEC. 2. The Non-commissioned Officers shall be the standing Business Committee, the Captain as Chairman, in whose absence the next Senior Officer shall be chairman. This Committee shall have power to add to their number one or more members, not exceeding five; these will be elected as Honorary Members, having a vote only on special occasions, the Working Committee being considered adequate to transact all ordinary business of the Company.

SEC. 3. When a member wishes to speak on any subject, he shall address the Chairman standing, and no member shall be allowed to speak twice on the same subject, except in explanation and by permission of the Chairman.

SEC. 4. At all regular meetings, all motions shall be in writing, accompanied by the name of the mover and seconder, and no discussion shall be permitted thereon, until the Chairman has read and declared the motion before the meeting. Amendments shall be taken in the usual way of business.

SEC. 5. When two members shall rise to address the Chair, the Chairman shall name the first speaker, an appeal against the

decision of the Chair on any point of order, can be made at the request of five of the members present; in case of appeal, one of the appellants shall have the privilege of explaining his reasons for said appeal; the Chairman shall then state his reasons for so deciding. A vote shall then be taken, and the result declared by the Chairman.

SEC. 6. Meetings of the Business Committee shall be held first drill night of every month.

SEC. 7. At all meetings of the Company, one Officer, one Non-commissioned Officer, and ten privates, shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 8. Order of Business as follows :

1.—Minutes of preceding Meetings.
2.—Collections of fines and dues.
3.—Reports of the Committee of Management.
4.—Motions pursuant to notice.
5.—New Business.
6.—Adjournment.

ART. IX.—ALTERATIONS OF THESE BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. Should any amendment, addition, or deduction from, or substitution of these rules be deemed expedient, the member wishing to do so, shall give one week's notice, accompanied by the proposed alteration.

SEC. 2. It shall require a vote of three-fourths of the members present to adopt such alteration, and for reference, the Secretary shall keep a minute book with copy of any alteration that may hereafter be carried into effect.

ART. X.—ORDERLY.

SEC. 1. There shall be an Orderly told off at the close of each muster, whose duty it shall be to see that everything is in proper order, preparatory to the hour of next drill.

SEC. 2. That a copy of all By-Laws passed and accepted now and hereafter, shall be posted in the drill room, for the information of all concerned.

SEC. 3. That a copy of these By-Laws be presented to each member of the Company.

ART. XI.—HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Many gentlemen may be disposed to become Honorary Members, merely to assist and forward the welfare and efficiency of the Corps; consequently they need not, unless so disposed, render any military services whatever.

SEC. 2. Each Honorary Member shall pay an annual subscription of two dollars to the funds of the Corps; said subscription to be paid in advance.

SEC. 3. Honorary Members shall not be required to provide themselves with uniform, but shall be distinguished by a badge, and shall have permission to acquire a knowledge of drill, and will be allowed the use of rifles and ammunition at target practices of the Company.

SEC. 4. No person can be placed on the list of Honorary Members without the approval of the Commanding Officer.

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